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ENJOY A VARIETY OF GREAT MAY PROGRAMS AS THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S "HISTORY SUNDAYS" SERIES CONTINUES

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If you're looking for some stimulating conversation to liven up an early spring afternoon, join the Detroit Historical Society for the new History Sundays series, which presents a variety of local history topics every Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum.

May 6 – Book forum: Detroit's Masonic Temple

Authors Greg Kowalski and Alex Lundberg lead a discussion of their book, "Detroit's Masonic Temple." (published by Arcadia) With more than 1,030 rooms, the Masonic Temple is one of Detroit's renowned architectural treasures. The building, designed by George D. Mason & Company, was constructed over a period of six years and is one of the best examples of Gothic Revival architecture in Detroit. The building was formally dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1926, houses several different Masonic Lodges and organizations under the same roof, and is the largest Masonic Temple in the world. The structure was designed in three separate divisions: the ritualistic tower, the auditorium and the Shrine Club. Several different decorative treatments were used, including Egyptian, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Italian Renaissance, Byzantine, Gothic and Romanesque.

May 13 -- Film: "Detroit: Ruin of a City"

This 92-minute documentary film, produced in 2005 by George Steinmetz and Michael Chanan, takes a provocative look at the 20th century history of Detroit and features Detroit artist Tyree Guyton, French sociologist Loic Wacquant, Detroit-born writer Dan Georgakas, Detroit photographer Lowell Boileau and local residents.

Each event is free to the public with the purchase of regular Museum admission. There will be no programs on May 20, due to another scheduled event, or May 27, due to the Memorial Day weekend. For more information on the Detroit Historical Society's History Sundays series or other upcoming events, call (313) 833-1805, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

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